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1. WE HAVE REVIEWED REFTEL (A) AND AC/276 WP (74) 5 (4TH REVISE) (1). WE HAVE NO NEW VIEWS ON WG DETAILED REPORT ON AN OVERT GROUND INSPECTION SYSTEM. WE BELIEVE THAT COMMENTS IN REFTEL (B) PARAS 2 AND 3 CONCERNING UTILITY OF DETAILED WG PAPER ARE STILL VALID AND APPROPRIATE.

2. WE WISH TO DELETE PARAS 1A, 2, 3, AND 16 OF STAFF GROUP NOTE IN REFTEL (A). APPARENTLY, THE FRG DID NOT DIRECTLY RAISE ANEW ITS QUESTIONS (WHICH WE HAVE LONG ENDEAVORED TO TURN ASIDE) ABOUT THE EFFICACY OF NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS AND THE RELATIONSHIP THERETO OF OVERT INSPECTION. THE GERMANS SAID THEY LIKED AC/276 WP (74) 5 (4TH REVISE) (1) BETTER THAN PREVIOUS VERSION EVEN THOUGH STILL DEFICIENT. STAFF GROUP NOTE SHOULD BE CONFINED TO TOPICS SET FORTH IN PARAS 9.1 B. C. AND D. OF REFTEL (A), NAMELY, THOSE WHICH ARE RELATED TO TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF MOBILE INSPECTION.

3. IN THIS TECHNICAL PAPER ON INSPECTION MODALITIES, WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO RAISE ISSUE OF THE MILITARY EFFECT OF VERIFICATION UNCERTAINTIES. FURTHERMORE, PARA 15 OF C-M (73) 83 STATES "ANY MBFR AGREEMENT SHOULD BE VERIFIABLE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL (TO NON-INTERFERENCE) NEGOTIATED PROVISIONS FOR MUTINATIONAL VERIFICATION."

4. WE DO NOT CONCUR WITH CONCLUSION IN PARA 8 OF STAFF GROUP NOTE THAT "HARASSMENT WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO OCCUR," ALTHOUGH WE AGREE THAT THE LEVEL AND CAUSES OF HARASSMENT MIGHT BE DIFFERENT FROM THAT EXPERIENCED BY MLM'S. WE CONCUR WITH LAST SENTENCE IN PARA 8 AND FEEL THAT PARA 18 (IN THE SUMMARY) STATES THE HARASSMENT ISSUE VERY WELL. MISSION SHOULD ATTEMPT TO ADJUST PARAGRAPH ACCORDINGLY.

5. IN PARA 11, WE THINK IT LIKELY THAT MORE THAN "SOME WEEKS" EXPERIENCE WILL BE NECESSARY; SUGGEST DELETING "WEEKS."

6. IF ALLIES WISH TO FORWARD DETAILED TECHNICAL WG PAPER ON MOBILE INSPECTION TO SPC WE WILL GO ALONG IN SPITE OF  
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OUR RESERVATIONS PREVIOUSLY STATED AND REITERATED IN 1. ABOVE. PROVIDED STAFF NOTE IS CHANGED AS OUTLINED IN PARAS 2 AND 3 ABOVE, WE HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO STAFF NOTE BEING FORWARDED ALSO. INGERSOLL

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